

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page eight (8), line two (2), with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 shows the sleeve **10** disposed within the Y-arm port **60**. In this embodiment, the sleeve **10** will pass through the Y-arm port **60** and will protect the stent **20** until it is removed when the stent **20** is at the desired position. In other embodiments, as shown in FIG. 1, the outer diameter of sleeve **10** is greater than the inner diameter of an o-ring 62 disposed in the distal end 64 of the Y-arm, and will therefore not pass through the o-ring. **FIG. 1** shows the sleeve **10** ~~prior to entry~~ entering into a leg of a Y-arm port **60**. In a currently preferred embodiment, the sleeve **10** is longer than the length of the Y-arm. **FIG. 2** also illustrates a guide wire **65**. Guide wires are well known in the art as one method of guiding the stent to its target site.